

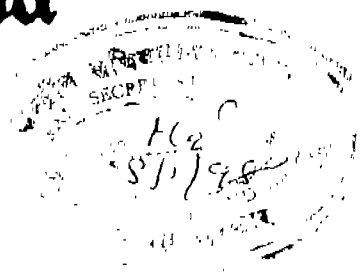


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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1997:—

BILL No. XLI OF 1997

A Bill to amend the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Forty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indira Gandhi National Open University (Amendment) Act, 1997.

Short title and
commence-
ment.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

50 of 1985.

2. In section 3 of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), to sub-section (2), the following proviso shall be added at the end, namely:—

Amendment of
section 3.

“Provided that the University may, with the prior approval of the Visitor, also establish Study Centres outside India.”

Amendment of
section 6.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 was enacted to establish and incorporate an open university at the national level for the introduction and promotion of open university and distance education systems in the educational pattern of the country and for the co-ordination and determination of standards in such systems. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has thus been established.

2. However, during the last few years, IGNOU received a number of offers from countries like the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mauritius and Seychelles to undertake their academic programmes in those countries. Such programmes are to be conducted by the University through its "Study Centres". Such Centres are to be established, maintained or recognised by the University within the existing institutions. Sub-section (2) of section 3 of the above-mentioned Act provides that the headquarters of the University shall be at Delhi and it may establish or maintain colleges, Regional Centres and Study Centres at such other places in India as it may deem fit. In view of the limitations stipulated by the aforesaid provision of the Act, it is not possible for the University to extend its programmes abroad.

3. It is, therefore, proposed to amend the Act suitably so as to enable the University, with the prior approval of the Visitor, to establish Study Centres outside India and conduct its academic programmes through the distance mode in countries outside India.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

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